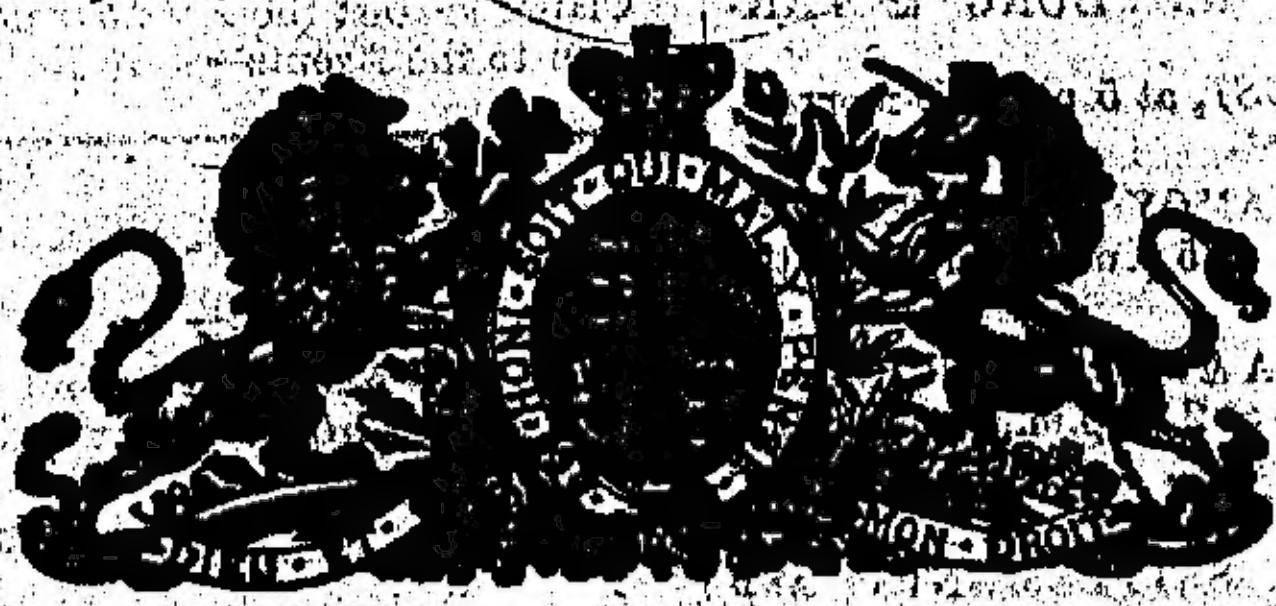


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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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T. JACKSON

Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

Authorized by Imperial Edict, dated the 2nd Day of the 9th Moon, of the 11th Year of Kwong-Su, (Oct. 8, 1877).

£1,604,276. 0. 10 STOCK,

In Bonds of £100 each,
Bearing Interest from 31st December, 1877, the first Coupon of £1.68 being payable on 28th February, 1878, and Coupons of £4 being payable thereafter on 28th August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the last Coupon of £2.68 will be payable.

The Bonds are redeemable at par within seven years (1884) by half-yearly drawings.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN LONDON, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

PRICE OF ISSUE 98 PER CENT.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 31, Lombard Street, London, as Agents for the Chinese Government, hereby invite Subscriptions for £1,604,276. 0. 10 of 8 per cent. Bonds at the issue price of 98 per cent. payable as follows:—

£10 per cent. on application.
40 " " allotment.
49 " 15 days after allotment.

£98

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the 28th February and 28th August at the offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai. The first Coupon for £1.68 for interest from 31st December, 1877, to 28th February, 1878, will be payable on the latter date, and Coupons of £4 will be payable thereafter on 28th August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the final Coupon of £2.68 will be payable.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within seven years (1884) by Thirteen half-yearly Drawings of £114,600 each, the balance of the Loan, £114,676. 0. 10, being paid off on 14th June, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in London in December and June in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the succeeding 28th February and 28th August at the offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Banks.

Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Edict, dated 8th of October, 1877, which has been communicated to the British Legation at Peking, according to a dispatch from the British Consul at Shanghai, dated 20th October, 1877.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the Ports of Shanghai, Canton, Ningpo, and Hankow—the four Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The total Customs' Receipts at the Ports named for the past three years have averaged £2,005,500 per annum, and the total Customs' Revenue for the same period at all the Ports in China has averaged £3,550,000 per annum.

The indebtedness of the Imperial Government only amounts to about £700,000, of which about £250,000 mature next year. The amount of the outstanding Loans and the proposed Loan are therefore, together, only £2,200,000, or about two-thirds of one year's Customs' Revenue. The payments both of interest and principal on account of outstanding Loans have been duly and punctually met by the Chinese Government.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charges of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Chinese authorities of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated; and by the European Commissioners at the same Ports, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Customs' Duties.

The Customs' Revenue available to meet these obligations, and for which they are specially charged, is £2,100,000 per annum.

Certified translations of the official documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London.

Applications in the annexed form, accompanied by a deposit of £10 per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 31, Lombard Street, London.

Applications from China, Japan, and India will be received and forwarded by the Hongkong and Shanghai Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Those from the Straits Settlements and India to be sent to London.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the amount due on allotment.

Scrap Certificates to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts, and Bonds to Bearer, when ready, will be exchanged for fully paid-up Scrip.

Forms of Application can be obtained of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their offices in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1877.

TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

For £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

I request that you will allot me 2 of Bonds of the above Loan in accordance with the Prospectus issued by you dated upon which I have paid the Deposit of £10 per cent., and I engage to accept the said Bonds or any less number you may allot me, and to make the remaining payments thereon in accordance with the Prospectus.

Name at full length.

Address.

Occupation.

Date. 1877.

BANKERS' RECEIPT TO BE RETAINED BY THE APPLICANT.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

For £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.

Received this day of 1877, from of the sum of pounds, being a Deposit made on application for of Bonds of the above Loan.

For THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

£.....

WITH reference to the foregoing Prospectus APPLICATIONS will be RECEIVED by the Undersigned until the 16th of DECEMBER next, on which Date the Allotment will be made, and the final instalment of 48 per cent. will be payable on the 31st December, 1877. Exchange on Applications received in Hongkong will be calculated at the rate of 4/ per dollar.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Agents in Hongkong.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

INVITE ATTENTION TO THEIR DISPLAY OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND DELICACIES.

DRESSING CASES.
WORK BOXES.
SCRAP BOOKS.
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THE NEWEST COSAQUE CRACKERS, Including:
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FANCY BOXES OF CHOCOLATE.
CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS.

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A FEW CASES OF THE CHOICEST SCOTCH WHISKY EVER IMPORTED.

SACCOONE'S PURE SHERRIES, at Low Prices.
PURE PORT. LIQUEURS.
CHOICE OLD RYE WHISKY.
Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO. HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR STOVES.

BENDERS AND FIRE IRONS.

Superior California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb. to 2,500 lb.

BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CARPETS various patterns.

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Family "PIG" PORK, and Prime Mess BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each.

CAVIARE, SARDELES, and Spiced ANCHOVIES.

Prime American BACON and HAMS.

Cutting's JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.

GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL, RYE MEAL, &c., &c.

Canned Dessert FRUITS.

Compressed CORNED BEEF, and BEEF TONGUES.

PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to suit Purchasers.

CHOSE & BLACKWELL'S OILMAN'S STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies received by every Steamer.

CLARET in Cask (BANDOL), Superior Quality.

BARCLAY PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogsheads and Kilderkins.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. BUCKE, in Pints and Quarts.

Base PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, in Pints and Quarts.

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th Instant, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, December 1, 1877. de28

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RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our packages. Suits at law have been instituted against the MAKERS AND PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOS' BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOS' MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale), on

MONDAY,

the 31st December, 1877, at Noon, at their Sale Room, Prays Central.

The following PIECES OF PARCELS OF GROUND, with the Buildings erected thereon.

First.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Land Office as the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 41, abutting on the North side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 153 feet, on the South side thereof on Section A of the aforesaid Inland Lot No. 41 and Measuring thereon 76 feet and 55 feet, on the East side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 88 feet, and on the West side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 201, and Measuring thereon 38 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 8,000 square feet, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$73.01, together with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon at present leased by D. RUTTENBER, Esq.

Second.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poko-fum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lot No. 26, abutting on the North side thereof on Closes Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lots Nos. 18 and 25, and Measuring thereon 1,200 feet, on the South side thereof on Government Ground, and Measuring thereon 600 feet, on the East side thereof on a Water Course, and Measuring thereon 1,400 feet, and on the West side thereof on the Sea at high Water Mark, and Measuring thereon 700 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 221 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$53.40.

And, All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poko-fum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lot No. 30, abutting on the South side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lot No. 29, on the East side thereof on the road to Aberdeen, and on the North and West sides thereof on a Water Course, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 34 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$12; together with a quantity of Building Materials at present contained in and about the houses described as "Belmont" upon the aforesaid Lots.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed or Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser. The Property to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, October 31, 1877. de30

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co., PLUMBERS, and GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road East, HONGKONG. September 14, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCOW. The Steamship "NAMO," Capt. J. R. PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 9th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., Hongkong, December 5, 1877. de9

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA. The Steamship "ARGYLE," D. Scott, Commander, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 11th Instant, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hongkong, December 4, 1877. de11

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA. The Steamship "JAPAN," Captain H. DE SMIDT, will leave for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 11th Instant, at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, December 4, 1877. de11

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO. The Departure of the S. S. "BERTHA" is unavoidably POSTPONED till further notice.

For Freight or Passage, apply to W. PUSTAU & CO., Agents, Hongkong, December 6, 1877.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. (Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "VORMANBY" will be despatched as above on or about the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, December 5, 1877.

MONTHLY LINE.

THE AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

For COOKTOWN and SYDNEY, taking Cargo and Passengers for all AUSTRALIAN and New Zealand Ports.

The Company's Chartered Steamer "OCEAN," JOHN C. JACQUES, Commander, will load for the above Ports, and be despatched on or about December 26th, 1877.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, December 4, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR YLOLO. The British Brig "HIERONIMUS," Koot, Master, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 14th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co., Hongkong, December 3, 1877. de14

FOR MANILA. The Spanish Schooner "UNION," MERCADERIA, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co., Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The 41 French Bark "ANGEL," Captain BARREYRON, will take Freight at moderate rates, and have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to OARLOWITZ & Co., Agents, Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

FOR LONDON (DIRECT). The 41 Brit. Clipper Bark "KATE CARRIE," JAMES WILSON, Master, having the greater part of her Cargo engaged, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co., Hongkong, November 28, 1877.

FOR BANGKOK. The 41 German Bark "MARGARETHE," THIESSEN, Master, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to WIELER & Co., Hongkong, December 3, 1877. de12

FOR HAMBURG. The 41 Clipper Bark "GOLDEN BUNNETT," RICHARDSON, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to W. PUSTAU & Co., Agents, Hongkong, November 28, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR DUNKEDIN (N. Z.). The 41 German Bark "MARIE," Capt. BURMEISTER, will load here for the above Port, and have a quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co., Hongkong, November 14, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The 41 British Bark "EMPEROR," Capt. SKINNER, will load here, and have a quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to ROZARIO & Co., Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The 41 American Barkentine "SAMOS," C. H. BRYANT, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, December 4, 1877. de14

FOR NEW YORK. The 41 American Bark "T. A. GODDARD," A. F. SMITH, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co., Hongkong, November 20, 1877. de20

FOR NEW YORK. The 41 American Bark "MORRO CASTLE," JENNERT, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load at this Port as above, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to OLYPHANT & Co., Hongkong, December 1, 1877. de1

FOR BATAVIA AND SAMARANG. The German Ship "GUSTAV & MARIE," having a great portion of her Cargo engaged, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight, apply to BRANDAO & Co., Hongkong, November 28, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The Brit. 3-m. Schooner "SEA BELLE," Captain ROSS, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOF KEE & Co., Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON. The 41 British Ship "ONEIDA," S. CUYMA, Master, having 3/4ths of her Cargo engaged, will load here as above, and will be despatched on or about the 31st December.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The 41 British Clipper Ship "OILCUMUM," SHAWBURY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, November 17, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The 41 American Ship "COLORADO," INGRAM, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Hongkong, November 3, 1877.

FOR HONOLULU. The 41 American Ship "CHARTER OAK," STAPLES, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

For Sale.

C O A L.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.
Apply to **BATTLES & Co.**
Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

FOR SALE.

SECTIONS B & C of INLAND LOT No. 51, Area 3880 Square Feet. With the 7 DWELLING HOUSES erected thereon, Nos. 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, and 47, WYNDHAM STREET. Annual Crown Rent, \$105.

INLAND LOT, No. 30, Measuring to the North 80 ft. Area South 88 " " 14,720 East 201 " " Square West 167 " " Feet. With the 4 DWELLING HOUSES erected thereon.
2 Fronting GOUGH STREET.
2 HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
Annual Crown Rent, \$174.64.
For particulars, apply to **J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co., Agents.**
Hongkong, December 1, 1877. de15

FOR SALE.

SHAMEN CANTON.

THE Desirable PROPERTY known as Lot No. 46, consisting of Commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES and SILK GODOWN.
For particulars, apply to **G. M. SMITH, Canton.**
October 15, 1877.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Ex Amazon.
S. P. Order, 72 bags Stones, from Madras.
Ex Anadyr.
E J D No. 1, 1 case Merchandise, from Amoy.
Ex Djinnah.
MT No. 786, Mr Mathison, 1 case Fire Arms, from Marseilles.
W G S No. 1/7 Mr G. W. Scott, 7 cases Wine, from Marseilles.
W B Lapwing.
M F & Co. (India) Order, 7 cases Stores, (mond) No. 1/7 from London.
Mr J. Ridley, 1 case Effects, from Formosa. London.
Hongkong, December 6, 1877.

BRITISH STEAMER BERTHA, LANGLEY, Master, FROM LONDON, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed, that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Underigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
Goods remaining in store after the 9th Instant will be subject to rent.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given before To-day, the 3rd Instant, at 1 p.m.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **WM. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.**
Hongkong, December 3, 1877. de9

FROM LONDON AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE Steamship *Gordon Castle* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Underigned into their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Goods will be forwarded to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before Noon To-morrow, the 3rd Instant.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.**
Hongkong, December 2, 1877. de10

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. **TEHRAN.**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamer *KASHGAR* from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.
Goods not delivered by the 10th Instant will be subject to rent.
ADAM LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 3, 1877. de10

Intimations.

NOTICE.

ANY CLAIMS against the British steamer "ZANZIBAR," must be sent in to the Underigned before Noon on SATURDAY, the 8th Instant, or they will not be recognized.
MELCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 4, 1877. de8

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.
Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. R. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DEZ UNIVERSES. Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALPHINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wheeler & Co.
OLIVERUM, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wheeler & Co.
COLORADO, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.
KATE GARNIE, British barque, Captain James Wilson.—Melchers & Co.
BROOMHALL, British ship, Captain H. Bate.—Russell & Co.
CHARTER OAK, American ship, Captain Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
FORMOSA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt. Schwenck.—Melchers & Co.
ARGYLE, British steamer, Captain D. Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
RODRIGUEZ HAY, British barque, Captain P. H. Hopkins.—Stimson & Co.
RAJANATHANURAH, British str., Capt. Geo. T. Hopkins.—Stimson & Co.
PARAGUA, British barque, Captain C. Phillips.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE DEPARTURE of the Company's S. S. "BELGIO," POSTPONED until MONDAY, the 10th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 7, 1877. de9

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

UNTIL further Notice, the MACAO STEAMER will leave HONGKONG at 1.30 p.m., and MACAO at 7.30 a.m.
By Order, **P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.**
Hongkong, December 7, 1877.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 6, *Hermann*, German barque, 458, Wm. Pens, Shanghai Dec. 1, Cotton—Master.
Dec. 7, *Ocean*, British steamer, 971, Jacques, Penang Nov. 24, and Singapore 30, General.—RUSSELL & Co.
Dec. 7, *Mignon*, American 3-m. schooner, 484, L. F. Soule, Haiphong Nov. 18, Rice.—CAPTAIN.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 7, *Piccola*, for Hamburg.
7, *Macdon*, for Manila.
7, *Peng-shou-hat*, for a cruise.

CLEARED.

Louisa, for Haiphong.
Holcon, for Hilo.
Aleotis, for Bangkok.
Bertha, for Yokohama.
Norna, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For *Ocean*, from Penang, &c., 260 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque *Hermann* reports: Cloudy and rainy weather, with strong N.E. winds.
The British steamer *Ocean* reports: First part moderate monsoon and fine, middle part fresh N.E. winds, hard squalls and heavy head sea, latter part strong monsoon and fine, till noon of the 6th, when had thick rainy weather. At 8 p.m. slowed down outside Taitam Channel, weather being too thick to proceed.
The American 3-m. schooner *Mignon* reports: Strong N.E. winds with high seas throughout the entire passage.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For **SWATOW**,—
Per *NORNA*, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 8th inst., instead of as previously notified.
For **HAIPHONG**,—
Per *Schooner LOUISA*, at 8.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 8th inst.
For **YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO**,—
Per *BERTEA*, at 10 a.m. To-morrow, the 8th inst.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For **HONGKOW, HAIPHONG & PAK-ROI**,—
Per *CONQUEST*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 8th inst.
For **SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW**,—
Per *NAMOA*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 8th inst.
For **YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO**,—
Per *BELEGIO*, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, the 10th inst., instead of as previously notified.
For **STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND CALCUTTA**,—
Per *ARGYLE* and *JAPAN*, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 11th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *PEIHO* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 13th December, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Madras, to: Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 12th December:—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Money Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 13th December:—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters closes.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until 11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, November 29, 1877. de18

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *CITY OF TOKIO* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 13th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

11 a.m., Registry of Letters closes.

11.30 a.m., Post-Office closes.

11.30 a.m., Correspondence for Japan, the United States, or Union Countries only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage until 11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, December 4, 1877. de19

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers:—

VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

at HONGKONG.

When left.	Name.	From.	Remarks.
May	10, David.	Amoy	
12, Chandos.	Cardiff		
18, Altra.	Cardiff		
26, Martha Jackson.	Pearth		
June	19, Henry Lippett.	New York	
19, City of Halifax.	Cardiff		
July	6, Northampton.	Baltimore	
10, Niagara.	Cushaven		
10, Isaac Jamieson.	Cardiff		
14, Aberystwy.	Liverpool		
18, Carl Ritter.	Cardiff		
25, Globe.	Deal		
30, Penland.	Cardiff		
31, R. O. Rickmers.	Newport		
Aug.	10, Papa.	Cardiff	
11, North Star.	Cardiff		
11, R. P. Bourville.	Penarth		
14, Regina.	Cardiff		
14, Maria Glen.	Penarth		
14, Maria.	Cardiff		
17, John Potts.	New York		
19, Felix Mendelssohn.	London		
27, Charger.	Liverpool		
28, India.	Hamburg		
Sept.	1, Vega.	Table Bay	
3, Andreas.	Flushing Roads		
4, Humbolt.	New York		
7, Becla.	Flushing Roads		
8, Gathert.	Cardiff		
10, Harriet N. Carlton.	Honolulu		
10, River Lagan.	Cardiff		
16, G. F. Muniz.	Newport		
16, Parsee (s.).	London		
18, Wildwood.	Liverpool		
20, River Lagan.	Cardiff		
21, P. J. Carleton.	Liverpool		
22, Harkaway.	London		
23, Victoria (s.).	Liverpool		
23, Fidelio.	Hamburg		
26, Maria Ravano.	Penarth		
30, Peter.	Cardiff		
Oct.	3, Forest Belle.	Cardiff	
4, Empire.	Newport		
5, Eleanore.	Penarth		
8, Kaiser.	Penarth		
11, State of Alabama (s.).	London		
14, Minerva (s.).	London		
18, Wega.	Cardiff		
19, Oscar.	Hamburg		
21, Johann Smidt.	London		
Mar.	23, C. F.	Cardiff	
27, Maxima.	Swansea		
Sept.	1, Carl Wilhelm.	Cardiff	
Oct.	4, Oscar Mooyet.	Newport	

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN PORTS.

At London.—Shippers via Suez Canal.

Glengyle. Cyprus.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the *Zanzibar* must be sent in to the Agents before Noon.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, December 9:—
Daylight.—*Namoa* leaves for Coast Ports. Goods per *Bertha* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, December 10:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. Goods per *Gordon Castle* and *Tehran* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, December 11:—
3 p.m.—*Argyll* leaves for Singapore, &c. 3 p.m.—*Japan* leaves for Singapore, &c.

THURSDAY, December 13:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, December 14:—
3 p.m.—*Heronimus* leaves for Yliclo. Transfer Books of the H. K. & O. Gas Co., Limited, closed from this date to 27th Instant, inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, December 19:—
Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

FRIDAY, December 21:—
1 p.m.—Regatta commences.

WEDNESDAY, December 26:—
Ocean leaves for Cooktown, &c., on or about this date.

MONDAY, December 31:—
Noon.—Sale of Ground and Buildings, at Messrs Lane, Crawford's Sale Room, Praya. *Normby* leaves for Singapore, &c., on or about this date.

TUESDAY, January 1:—
Claims against the Estate of James Smith Ferries, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.05 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 1877.

While commenting the other day upon the views of the Italian Mission concerning the Central School, we stated that Bishop Raimondi, the head of the only obstructive and disintegrated religious denomination in the Colony, desired to upset a system approved of and supported by a large majority of the taxpayers, in order, not merely to advance the interests of education, but to further the interests of his own particular sect. If the present state of things were brought to an end in accordance with the Bishop's views, it becomes an interesting question, What guarantee would the taxpayers then have that their money would be properly expended? With their eighteen hundred years' experience in matters of education, what have the Ultramontanes done in the countries where they have exercised the greatest power? We do not wish to say anything ungenerous; but it is patent to all impartial students of history and observers of events that the largest measure of success in education has been gained where the priests have had the smallest amount of influence. It may be said that this is the fault of the creed more than of its professors; but the result is still the same, and is, we submit, beyond question. Are, therefore, Bishop Raimondi and his followers—for there are many Catholic residents who do not follow him in this and a few other matters—the most fit and proper persons to receive concessions of the wholesale description alluded to? In advocating the affirmative side of this proposition, the anonymous author of the pamphlet referred to in a former article asserts that Government forces "a system of yesterday" upon the Catholics whose systems are based on the "accumulated experiences of eighteen hundred years" but he fails to convince the most impartial mind that the governmental system is not the most suitable. He also makes what is very like a deliberate misrepresentation when he complains that four hours' continuous study are insisted on for all scholars under the Grant-in-aid rules, because the statement is incorrect, and all the colouring regarding the times and the unspoken Angles, is therefore mere misapprehension, and admitted to be so by all other denominational school managers.

That the pamphlet attacks the Central School, as well as everything else which stands in the way of the Ultramontanes, in order to benefit their party, is quite apparent. He pleads poverty; but that could be ameliorated by an increased grant in aid. He asserts the fact, and laments over it, that the great mass of the Chinese ignorance remains almost unaffected; but that might be remedied without the abolition of the Central School. He almost curses the so-called interference of the Government Inspector with the method of teaching adopted in the Catholic Schools; although that need not necessarily be removed or altered even if the Central School were handed over to the Chinese. In fact, the long-pent-up aggressive spirit of the Catholic party bursts forth in the pamphlet with a vehemence which almost overshoots the mark; and the tone adopted by its spokesman becomes what can hardly be otherwise described than as "cheeky." It is unmistakably more defiant than it would have been had the present Governor of the Colony not been a Catholic; but it remains to be seen whether this circumstance will or will not have an important bearing on the final settlement of the question. The misstatements which are distributed all over the pamphlet are so numerous that it is impossible for us to correct them all, and the ingenious manner in which statements of fact are made to do special duty altogether foreign to their existence reflects more honour on the author's ability than upon his sense of truth and justice. It has generally been accepted by the average Briton that what is called the secular system was adopted as a convenient mode of getting out of the "hot water" in which educational matters were continually kept; but this governmental arrangement, like a red rag, is here turned into a sort of target to be riddled by the orthodox, as if it were a system of downright atheism and declared irreligion. It may suit Bishop Raimondi thus to regard the secular system, but it has no such terrors for those who accept the more rational interpretation of this administrative arrangement, and who believe that religion is more fitly taught out of the week-day school than in it. The distinctive principles of the Ultramontanes, says the anonymous author, forbid their acceptance of the grant in aid; but if this secular system, which has been forced upon the State by the differences and wranglings of various denominations, be accepted cheerfully by all other denominations, it appears to us to be passing strange that the Ultramontane party here should dictate other terms than those readily agreed to by the Queen's own subjects, and this is an incident worthy of serious consideration on the part of the Executive.

Regarding the origin of the Central School, there is much to be found in the pamphlet justifying the gradual growth and present condition of the institution. It says that it is "only when a serious necessity had arisen, and when it was found that the efforts of individuals and associations were insufficient to provide for the educational requirements of a population," that Government intermeddled with education. This was precisely the case in Hongkong. The Central School was opened as a school for Chinese; but as it soon became evident that "the efforts of individuals and associations" (including those with eighteen centuries' experience) "were insufficient," the doors of the public school were opened to all, on well-understood secular grounds. This was done in no "spirit of opposition to the schools under clerical management," and the acceptance of this new state of things by the combined Protestant school-management clearly implies that the antagonism shown by the Romanist party is based upon considerations altogether outside of our Colonial requirements and the spirit of our English policy. One illustration of the over-anxiety of the author to defame our school system may also be seen in his artful attempt to laud Mr Stewart at the expense of the system which he has done so much to perfect and defend. It strikes one somewhat strangely, however, when the system falls in for so large a share of abuse, to know that the same much-lauded gentleman is the principal architect, builder, and surveyor of the educational system so heartily anathematized by the same anonymous author. But if the pamphlet had said that the character of the Head Master is the fullest guarantee that the taxpayers could possibly possess that the present admirable educational system is and will be faithfully carried out, that the money they cheerfully expend upon it will be honestly spent and carefully accounted for, and that every opportunity for advancing true education will be taken advantage of with perfect fairness to all parties (friend and foe)—he would have more fully and accurately expressed the feeling of this community concerning the Government Inspector and the Central School than he has yet succeeded in doing.

There is a want of caution also shown in the pamphlet that is surprising, and is explainable only by the over-heat before referred to. Our Ultramontane and highly Conservative author demands the destruction of an existing institution that has grown out of the actual demands of the population for education; and he does so on the dangerous republican principle of mankind suffrage—that the Catholics form a majority as compared to other foreigners, and they desire the abolition of the School. Surely the Chinese community may have something to say to a startling proposition: they pay far more taxes than the poor Romanists can afford to pay (over half the school-fee collected, we believe) they are being glared at by the Ultramontane school managers.

thoroughly good education of an unsectarian kind; and they are equally entitled to get the best educational facilities for their children whether the latter go ultimately to merchant's offices in Hongkong or to official duties in Timbuctoo. It seems to us somewhat illogical to argue the abolition of the Central School on the ground that "the efforts of individuals and associations," and even the superadded efforts of the Government, have proved insufficient to educate the whole of the teeming juvenile population of Hongkong. According to the pamphleteer's own showing, the more insufficient the efforts are to meet the requirements, the greater becomes the duty of the Government to continue its efforts; and to destroy what has been already built up, and which has, after much pains and expense, begun to commend itself to the more enlightened native residents, would be a retrograde movement that would be countenanced by none save the Romanist minority. If the matter came to be tested either by the rule of manhood suffrage, by the relative amount of taxation, or by any other mode of fair dealing, the *raison d'être* of the Central School, and the continuance and extension of the sound though slowly-leavening system of education now adopted, would be amply and conclusively justified.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (By Southern Route.)

THE WAR.

London, 4th Dec., 1877.

Perfect communication exists between Krasnodar, Trebizonde and the interior.

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S.S. "BELGIO" will be dispatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on MONDAY, the 10th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai. Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 9th Instant. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required. A Reduction is made on Return Passage Tickets. For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent. Hongkong, December 7, 1877. del10

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS. STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES; Also, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 13th December, 1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S. "PEI-HO," Commandant LEONARD, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places. Cargo and Species will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Species and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 13th December, 1877. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office. H. DU POUEY, Agent. Hongkong, December 3, 1877. del18

U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY. THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF TOKIO will be dispatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th December, at Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers. A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS, OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION. Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 18th December. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required. Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central. RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, November 27, 1877. del19

APONG, PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, Governor of Hongkong, and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA; Wyndham Street, formerly Artistic Club, HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Also S. S. Type, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits only, Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Emminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors, in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes, Coloured Portraits of English Ladies. Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, September 23, 1877.

NOTICE. I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT. J. Y. VERNON SHAW. Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

NOTICE. THE Business of SHARE and GENERAL BROKER, hitherto conducted in my name, will now be carried on under the Style of COHEN & BRAYTON, Mr. ALEXANDER MACGLASHAN BRAYTON having This Day become a PARTNER therein. CHAS. C. COHEN. Hongkong, November 1, 1877. jal

NOTICE. I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. WILLIAM LEGGIE as a PARTNER in my Business, which will henceforth be conducted under the Style of HUGHES & LEGGIE. W. KERFOOT HUGHES. Hongkong, November 1, 1877. jal

NOTICE. MR. JAMES AYTON MANN is authorized to Sign our Firm by Procuration. GEFF & Co. Canton, November 1, 1877. jal

NOTICE. I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port as MERCHANT and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT. W. SOERIEVER. Hongkong, November 9, 1877. del15

Intimations.

AE YON, SHIP'S COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE, No. 57, Praya West. SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMANS' STORES. Of the best quality and at the shortest notice. Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS, Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr. AYTON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr. FAY JACK, at 30, King Lung Street, will receive immediate attention. Hongkong, March 19, 1877. mel19

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TABLS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Instant. Warrants will be delivered by the Under-signed to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th Instant, inclusive. By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators. Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

Volume Sixth of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready. No. II.—Vol. VI.—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW" CONTAINS—

The Rhymes of the Shik-king. Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming. (Continued from Vol. V., page 387.) The Wild Silk-worms of the Province of Shantung. Notes on Chinese Grammar (Continued from Vol. V., page 389.) Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi. Translations of Chinese School-books. Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence. Notes and Queries:—Bankruptcy in China. The Share taken by Chinese and Sino-American respectively in the Government of China. Laws of Sale amongst the Chinese. Studies in Words.—Roots Meaning. The Character of Chinese Antiquity. Shin tseris Shanghai. A Chinese Primer. A Rare Manuscript. Were Yao and Shun Historical Persons? Native Literature on Chinese Foreign Relations. Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office, Hongkong, October 31, 1877.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1877. TWENTY-SECOND MEETING. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 21st and 22nd December, 1877. PATRON, HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN POPE HENNESSY, O.M.G. VICE-PATRON, COMMANDER WATSON, R.N. STEWARDS, H. B. GIBB, Esq., Hon. W. KESWICK, W. H. FORBES, Esq., Hon. Col. BARRANO, R. HOPKINS, Esq., O.B. G. B. EMORY, Esq. COMMITTEE, T. JACKSON, Esq., CHAIRMAN. Major BRODIE, 28th Regiment. H. E. WOODHOUSE, Esq. L. R. S. F. WALKER, 28th Regiment. E. L. WOODIN, Esq. DUDLEY C. TRAVERS, Esq., Honorary Secretary. JUDGE, J. P. MOHRE, Esq., R.N. UMPIRES, ROWING..... Hon. C. C. SMITH. YACHTS..... E. BEART, Esq. OPEN SAILING BOATS. E. BURNIE, Esq. STARTERS, ROWING..... Hon. C. C. SMITH. YACHTS..... E. BEART, Esq. OPEN SAILING BOATS. E. BURNIE, Esq.

FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1877. FIRST RACE.—1 P.M. Junior Sculls. For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance \$5. Distance One Mile. Prize, "Broken Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China and Japan. SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M. For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Out-rigger Boats excluded. THIRD RACE.—2 P.M. The "Chairman's Cup." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance One mile and a half. Entrance \$10. FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M. For Men-of-War Gigs and Whalers. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars. FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M. "LADIES' PURSE." For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5. SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M. For House Boats or Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar. SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M. International Race. "Challenge Cup"—presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. To be won two consecutive years before being held. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10. SAILING RACE. For Men-of-War's Boats, any rig. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10. YACHT RACE. For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup presented.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 1877. FIRST RACE.—1 P.M. For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and out-rigger Boats excluded. SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M. For House Boats or Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar. THIRD RACE.—2 P.M. "Members' Cup"—presented by Members of "The Victoria Recreation Club"—for Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance One Mile and a half. Entrance \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded. FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M. For Men-of-War Cutters. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars. FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M. Senior Sculls. Cup presented by the Police Community. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5. Winner of the "Ladies' Purse" excluded. SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M. For Officers of H.M.S. Audacious against Fleet in harbour. Cup presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10. SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M. "American Cup," open to all Members and Honorary Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, to be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10. SAILING RACE. For all Open Boats, Chinese excluded. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10. YACHT RACE. For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup presented by the "Victoria Recreation Club."

DUDLEY C. TRAVERS, Hon. Secretary, Victoria Recreation Club, Hongkong, 27th November, 1877.

Intimations.

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1877. ENTRIES for RACES in the above Regatta may be made to any one of the undersigned Gentlemen, viz.: H. E. WOODHOUSE, Esq., Lieut. W. WALKER, 28th Regt., W. HYNES, Esq., C. V. SMITH, Esq., E. BEART, Esq., H. M. SCHULTZ, Esq., or to D. C. TRAVERS, Esq., Hon. Sec., Victoria Recreation Club, Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS. NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS. 46, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, August 20, 1877. del20

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PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf, Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

IN THE GOODS OF JAMES SMITH FERRIES, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons, having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of JAMES SMITH FERRIES, late Master of the S.S. "ZEALANDIA," who died at Sea on Board the said Vessel on the 8th day of February, 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, and Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of whose personal Estate were duly granted to JOHN FAIRBAIRN, of No. 27 Queen's Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 22nd day of September, 1877, are hereby required to send in writing the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at his address aforesaid, or to the Under-signed WILLIAM HENRY BRECKTON, the Solicitor of the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN, at the Office of the said WILLIAM HENRY BRECKTON, 29 Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 15th day of January, 1878. And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last-mentioned day, the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said JAMES SMITH FERRIES amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has then had notice; and that the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose Claim the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN has not had notice at the time of the distribution. Dated this 3rd day of October, 1877. WM. H. BRECKTON, Solicitor for the said JOHN FAIRBAIRN. jal16

THE HONGKONG HOTEL. TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required. By Order of the Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary. Hongkong, September 15, 1877. epl

A NEW STOCK OF NEXT JOBBING TYPES HAVING BEEN RECEIVED FROM ENGLAND, THIS OFFICE IS PREPARED TO EXECUTE BOOK & JOB PRINTING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION AT REASONABLE RATES. FANCY BALL PROGRAMMES ASSORTED SIZES, IN GOLD AND COLOURS. BALL PENCILS, assorted colours. MENU CARDS, in Gold & Coloured Borders & Patterns. BOOKS BOUND IN APPROVED PATTERNS. For Sale. AGREEMENTS FOR FOREIGN-GOING SHIPS, LADY'S AND GENTLEMAN'S WASHING BOOKS, CONTRACT PASSAGE TICKETS, EXPORT CARGO REPORTS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, SHIPPING ORDERS, BILLS OF LADING, PASSENGER LISTS, BILLS OF SALE, LOG-BOOKS, WILLIAMS & Co., 2, Wyndham Street, (Back of Club).

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YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION. CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000. FARMER'S RESERVE....." 230,000. SPECIAL RESERVE FUND....." 75,000. Total Capital and accumulations this date.....Tls. 725,000.

Directors: F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman. M. W. BOYD, Esq., O. KUNES, Esq., M. P. EVANS, Esq., O. LUSAS, Esq. Secretaries: Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai. London Bankers: Messrs. BARNES BROTHERS & Co. Agencies in: HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and the Principal Ports in the East.

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates. MCKEON & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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POLICIES against FIRE granted on Buildings and on Goods stored therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to DISCOUNT of 20 % on the Premium. OFFICE, 43, Bonham Street, Hongkong, August 23, 1877. an23

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Insurances.

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